

MSc Optical Communications and Signal Processing

Programmes Covered

Optical Communications and Signal Processing (MSc)

Applicants should also refer to the relevant prospectus entry for further programme details.

This admissions statement should be read in association with the [University Admissions Principles and Procedures for Postgraduate Taught Programmes](#).

Faculty

Faculty of Engineering

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Admissions cycle

2017

Application process

Online application

Please ensure you upload all documents in the online application form and do not send any paper documents. No emailed documents will be considered.

Applicants should complete the online application form, uploading all required documents directly into the application form. Guidance on uploading documents can be found in the [How to Apply FAQs](#).

Applicants should make every effort to choose the correct programme in the application form by reading the prospectus entry and admissions statements fully. Applicants should contact the relevant Admissions Team if clarification is required.

Application Deadline

There is an application deadline for this programme, which is displayed on the individual programme page within the [University course finder](#).

Required documents

All documents must be translated into English. Degree certificates and transcripts should be certified copies and list subjects taken and grades/degrees achieved. If your degree is not yet complete, please provide transcripts of subjects taken and marks achieved to date. All documents must be uploaded into the online application form unless otherwise noted. Applicants who have already submitted an application can upload

additional documents into the 'Post-submission uploads' section. You can find information about how to upload documents to your application form in our [How to Apply FAQs](#).

Required documents for this programme are:

- Two academic references (minimum)
- Any references from engineering companies including industrial placements
- Degree certificate(s) and transcripts from first and subsequent degrees when available. These must include scans of the originals as well as certified translations of documents in any language other than English.
- Personal statement
- English language certificates if English is not your native language and your undergraduate degree was not in an English-speaking country (please see the English Language Requirements for a list of English-speaking countries)

Research statements and research training statements are not required for this programme.

A CV is not required but can help your application. You can include details of other relevant qualifications to assist with your application. Please do not include any school (pre-university) certificates.

Interviews

Interviews are not normally part of the selection process.

Correspondence with applicants

Applicants will normally receive communication via email to the email address used to set up their application form account. Applicants should ensure that this profile email address is kept up-to-date.

Admissions criteria

Academic entry requirements

An upper second-class honours degree (or an international equivalent) in Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Microelectronic Engineering, Communications Engineering, Computer Systems Engineering, or in a related discipline including (but not limited to) Electronic and Electrical Engineering, Information and Communications Technologies, Telecommunications, Information Engineering, Computer Networks, Computer Science and Technologies or Optical Information Science and Technologies.

Candidates with a lower class of degree, equivalent qualifications or relevant work experience may be admitted if they can demonstrate their potential for higher degree work.

For information on international equivalent qualifications, please see our [International Office](#) website.

English language criteria for non-native English speakers

For applicants whose first language is not English, it is necessary to achieve a minimum score in an approved English language test specified in Profile E of the [University's English Language Requirements Policy](#).

You can find information about the University of Bristol's Pre-Sessional English courses at the [Centre for English Language and Foundation Studies website](#).

Reference criteria

References should either be submitted directly by the referee using the online reference form, or submitted directly by the applicant, ensuring that the reference is dated within the last two years. References uploaded by the applicant should be on official headed paper showing the referee's full contact details, and signed by the referee. Applicants should submit a minimum of two academic references and any references from engineering companies including industrial placements.

Personal statement criteria

Personal statements should highlight the motivation for applying for the course, and any relevant experience and/or skills.

Additional requirements

There are no additional requirements for this programme.

Selection process and offers

Selection process

All applications are considered in accordance with the [University's policy on equality and diversity](#). The University of Bristol upholds the principles of equality and diversity, respect and dignity. Candidates are not discriminated against on the grounds of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexuality, religion or belief, disability, health or age.

Complete applications are assessed by a centralised team in close co-operation with the Academic Admissions Tutor(s). Applications are assessed using the following criteria and weightings:

- academic achievement (60%)
- academic references (40%)

Decisions

Applicants will be notified by email when a decision has been made and decision letters will be available to view and print by logging into their application. If there is a deadline by which applicants must accept their offer of admission, this will be stated in the offer letter.

Deferrals

Deferred entry is available. Please contact the central admissions team by emailing choosebristol-pg@bristol.ac.uk if you would like to defer your start date.

Deposits

International self-funded students are required to pay a deposit of £1000. You can pay this deposit online at <http://bris.ac.uk/online-payments/deposits> using a credit or debit card. Alternatively you can pay through our PaytoStudy account at www.bristol.ac.uk/paytostudy. PaytoStudy is an international payment solution which offers competitive exchange rates. Where PaytoStudy has a local bank account, all wire fee charges will be eliminated and you will be able to pay in your local currency to a local bank account.

The deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable except under the circumstances outlined in the International Deposits Refund Policy which is available at:

<http://www.bris.ac.uk/academicregistry/office/policies/idrp.html>. You may pay your deposit in advance of meeting the conditions of your offer. If you subsequently fail to meet the conditions attached to your offer and are therefore rejected from your course on academic grounds then a refund will be made to you. To make the payment you will need your student number which you will find in your offer letter.

ATAS

An ATAS certificate is not required.